Filed 09/20/2007 Page 1 of 6 Matthew Franklin Jaksa (CA State Bar No. 248072) 1 W SEP 20 PM 12: 48 HOLME ROBERTS & OWEN LLP 2 560 Mission Street, 25th Floor CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COUP NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFOR San Francisco, CA 94105-2994 3 Telephone: (415) 268-2000 Facsimile: (415) 268-1999 4 Email: matt.jaksa@hro.com 5 Attorneys for Plaintiffs, 6 UMG RECORDINGS, INC.; SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT; ARISTA RECORDS LLC: 7 ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC.; 8 CAPITOL RECORDS, INC.; and BMG MUSIC 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 4835 12 CASE NO. 13 UMG RECORDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation; SONY BMG MUSIC 14 **COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT** ENTERTAINMENT, a Delaware general **INFRINGEMENT** partnership; ARISTA RECORDS LLC, a 15 Delaware limited liability company; ELEKTRA 16 ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation; CAPITOL RECORDS, INC., a 17 Delaware corporation; and BMG MUSIC, a New York general partnership, 18 Plaintiffs, 19 ٧. 20 21 JOHN DOE #1, Defendant. 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 Complaint for Copyright Infringement Case No. #32402 v1

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for copyright infringement under the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).
- 2. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.; 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question); and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) (copyright).
- 3. Venue in this District is proper. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1400(a). Although the true identity of Defendant John Doe #1 ("Defendant") is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, on information and belief, Defendant may be found in this District and/or a substantial part of the acts of infringement complained of herein occurred in this District. On information and belief, personal jurisdiction in this District is proper because Defendant, without consent or permission of the copyright owner, disseminated over the Internet copyrighted works owned and/or controlled by Plaintiffs. On information and belief, such illegal dissemination occurred in every jurisdiction in the United States, including this one. In addition, Defendant contracted with an Internet Service Provider ("ISP") found in this District to provide Defendant with the access to the Internet which facilitated Defendant's infringing activities.

PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff UMG Recordings, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.
- 5. Plaintiff SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT is a Delaware general partnership, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.
- 6. Plaintiff Arista Records LLC is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.
- 7. Plaintiff Elektra Entertainment Group Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.
- 8. Plaintiff Capitol Records, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

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9. Plaintiff BMG Music is a general partnership duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

10. The true name and capacity of Defendant are unknown to Plaintiffs at this time. Defendant is known to Plaintiffs only by the Internet Protocol ("IP") address assigned to Defendant by his or her ISP on the date and time of Defendant's infringing activity. See Exhibit A. Plaintiffs believe that information obtained in discovery will lead to the identification of Defendant's true name.

COUNT I

INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHTS

- 11. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.
- 12. Plaintiffs are, and at all relevant times have been, the copyright owners or licensees of exclusive rights under United States copyright law with respect to certain copyrighted sound recordings, including, but not limited to, all of the copyrighted sound recordings on Exhibit A to this Complaint (collectively, these copyrighted sound recordings shall be identified as the "Copyrighted Recordings"). Each of the Copyrighted Recordings is the subject of a valid Certificate of Copyright Registration issued by the Register of Copyrights to each Plaintiff as specified on each page of Exhibit A.
- Among the exclusive rights granted to each Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are the 13. exclusive rights to reproduce the Copyrighted Recordings and to distribute the Copyrighted Recordings to the public.
- 14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, has continuously used, and continues to use, an online media distribution system to download and/or distribute to the public certain of the Copyrighted Recordings. Exhibit A identifies the IP address with the date and time of capture and a list of copyrighted recordings that Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, downloaded and/or distributed to the public. Through his or her continuous and ongoing acts of downloading and/or distributing to the public the Copyrighted Recordings, Defendant has violated Plaintiffs' exclusive rights of reproduction and

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distribution. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and/or exclusive rights under copyright. (In addition to the sound recordings listed on Exhibit A, Plaintiffs are informed and believe Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, continuously downloaded and/or distributed to the public additional sound recordings owned by or exclusively licensed to Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' affiliate record labels, and Plaintiffs believe that such acts of infringement are ongoing. Exhibit A includes the currently-known total number of audio files being distributed by Defendant.)

- 15. Plaintiffs have placed proper notices of copyright pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 401 on each respective album cover of each of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A. These notices of copyright appeared on published copies of each of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A. These published copies were widely available, and each of the published copies of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A was accessible by Defendant.
- 16. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the foregoing acts of infringement have been willful, intentional, and in disregard of and with indifference to the rights of Plaintiffs.
- 17. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright, Plaintiffs are entitled to statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c) against Defendant for each infringement of each copyrighted recording. Plaintiffs further are entitled to their attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.
- 18. The conduct of Defendant is causing and, unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, will continue to cause Plaintiffs great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated or measured in money. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502 and 503, Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from further infringing Plaintiffs' copyrights, and ordering that Defendant destroy all copies of copyrighted sound recordings made in violation of Plaintiffs' exclusive rights.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

1. For an injunction providing:

"Defendant shall be and hereby is enjoined from directly or indirectly infringing Plaintiffs' rights under federal or state law in the Copyrighted Recordings and any sound recording, whether now in existence or later created, that is owned or controlled by Plaintiffs (or

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any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate record label of Plaintiffs) ("Plaintiffs' Recordings"), including without limitation by using the Internet or any online media distribution system to reproduce (i.e., download) any of Plaintiffs' Recordings or to distribute (i.e., upload) any of Plaintiffs' Recordings, except pursuant to a lawful license or with the express authority of Plaintiffs. Defendant also shall destroy all copies of Plaintiffs' Recordings that Defendant has downloaded onto any computer hard drive or server without Plaintiffs' authorization and shall destroy all copies of those downloaded recordings transferred onto any physical medium or device in Defendant's possession, custody, or control."

- 2. For statutory damages for each infringement of each Copyrighted Recording pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504.
 - 3. For Plaintiffs' costs in this action.
 - 4. For Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein.
 - 5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: September 20, 2007

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MUSIC

EXHIBIT A

IP Address: 129.210.185.210 2007-05-28 13:29:18 EDT

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P2P Network: Gnutella

Total Audio Files: 1022

Copyright Owner	Artist	Recording Title	Album Title	<u>\$R#</u>
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Lifehouse	You And Me	Lifehouse	370-643
SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT	Korn	Freak On a Leash	Follow the Leader	263-749
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Rise Against	Paper Wings	Siren Song Of The Counter Culture	355-243
Arista Records LLC	Air Supply	All Out Of Love	Lost In Love	38-070
Elektra Entertainment Group Inc.	The Cure	Lullaby	Disintegration	104-305
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Nelly	Over and Over	Suit	358-551
Capitol Records, Inc.	Jimmy Eat World	Crush	Clarity	262-667
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Counting Crows	A Long December	Recovering The Satellites	226-415
BMG Music	Eve 6	Think Twice	It's All in Your Head	335-549